



Chair's Corner

As I reflect on this year, I am deeply satisfied with all that the Department accomplished. The Department conducted searches for a fixed-term three year instructor position for Special Education and also a Field Placement Coordinator. In addition to these searches being filled the Department also completed a proposal request for a tenure-track Elementary faculty position which was approved.

I see this work as being very consequential for the Education Studies Department because we are growing programs by adding an LBD (Special Education) certification. We also are also simultaneously adding more human capacity. Our Field Placement Coordinator will be so impactful insofar as the Department has done this more piecemeal. Faculty were responsible for finding clinical placements for their students. Doing this while teaching a



Chad Runyan, P-5 Student Teacher
Fall 2022

full course load quickly becomes untenable. The Department will now be able to be more systematic and impactful when it comes to finding classrooms to complete field hours as well as to student teach.

All of these wonderful Education Studies developments are occurring at a time when Berea College is making history. When students return to campus this Fall 2023, a different family will be living in the President's Residence. Berea College's first woman President, Dr. Cheryl Nixon will begin her presidency July 1, 2023. I am excited to see her leadership on display.

Please enjoy this May 2023 Education Studies newsletter and share it with others in the field of Education. I look forward to Fall 2023, when we will again, do all that we can do to prepare the most effective teachers we can for the world.

Sincerely,

Nicholas D. Hartlep

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Education Studies Department Chair

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2022–2023 Graduates!

December 2022

Jessie Beisecker
High School Math

Michaela Berry
P-5, Elementary

Alexia Bonds
Biology

Cameron Brown
P-5, Elementary

Taylor Gilbert
P-5, Elementary

Chaney Greer
P-5, Elementary

Isabella Hernandez
P-5, Elementary

Nicholas Holt
General Curriculum

Jonesy McGregor
P-5, Elementary

Natasha Perez
P-5, Elementary

Ruth Ramos
P-5, Elementary

Chad Runyan
P-5, Elementary

Hayley Tippitt
P-5, Elementary

May 2023

Xander Carson
General Curriculum

Michayla Dickerson
General Curriculum

Isaac Caudill
Middle Grades Math

Abby Hansford
General Curriculum

Julian Kirby
P-5, Elementary

Amy Stemann
High School English

Event Highlights

Homecoming Brunch



Our department is always excited for Homecoming season to welcome back alumni to campus. This past fall, we hosted a Homecoming Brunch at Knapp Hall to celebrate our past EDS students.

Whether our alumni graduated recently or many years ago, we wanted them to feel welcomed and enjoy reconnecting with old friends and classmates. This Homecoming Brunch was the perfect opportunity to catch up on each other's lives and reminisce about good times on campus.

Chili Cook-Off



Later in the spring, our EDS students, faculty, and staff gathered for our department's first-ever chili cook-off, an event that brought everyone together for a great day of food and friends. Students, faculty, and staff cooked and competed to have their homemade chili selected as the best chili of Knapp Hall. Some contestants had gone for a classic, traditional recipe, while others had put their own spin on the dish, adding unique ingredients like chocolate and other spices. After sampling the chilis, students, and faculty cast their votes for their favorite one. The top chili went to Professor, Dr. Julian Viera, followed by Lisa Rosnebarker and Professor Jon Saderholm who were selected as runner-ups!

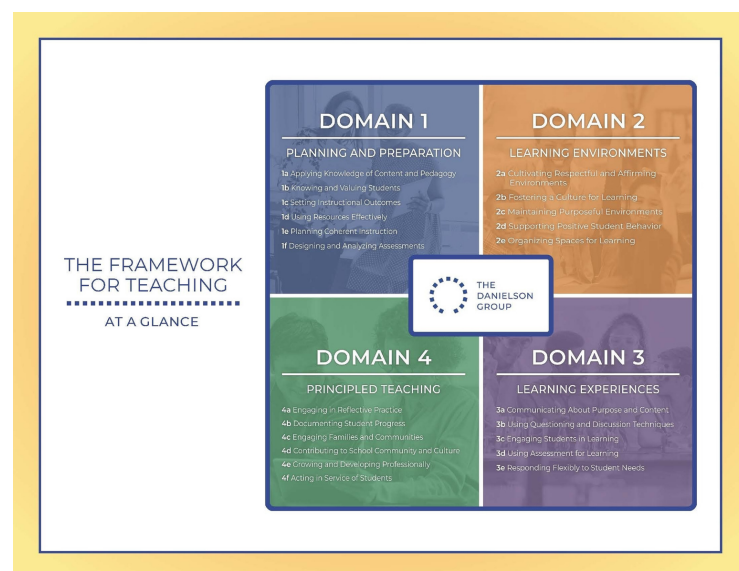
Event Highlights

The Framework for Teaching | EDS works with the Danielson Group

Designed for teachers, instructional coaches and school leaders, this 6-hour training session built a foundational understanding of the Framework for Teaching (FFT). Participants in the training drew connections between the FFT and their own practices as we focused on using the FFT as the centerpiece of a learning culture and teacher-directed inquiry.



Watch the recap of the Danielson Group Training [here!](#)



Student & Faculty Highlights

Dr. Robillard's Summer Adventure!



Dr. Maggie Robillard, Associate Professor of Education Studies, was selected as an institute participant for the Asian Studies Development Program's 2023 Modern China in Three Keys.

Funded by the Henry Luce Foundation: Modern China in Three Keys: History, Culture and Social Change is a two-week residential institute for college and university teachers that will be hosted on the East-West Center campus in Honolulu from July 10-July 21, 2023 by the Asian Studies Development Program. This institute will examine the turbulent dynamics of China's transformation from a 19th-century empire to a struggling multi-ethnic 20th century nation-state and a 21st-century economic and geopolitical global power, emphasizing cultural continuities as well as political experimentation in an evolving and aspirational "China dream."

Student Academic Awards

GEORGE AND ELGETHA BELL SCHOLARSHIP IN EDUCATION

Bubby Vaughn
Carolina Castillo-Ibarra

LUCILLE BUSH DUNCAN AWARD IN EDUCATION

Alyssa Ferrell
Abby Vires
Dain Lewingdon

MAY HARRISON LAMBERT MEMORIAL AWARD IN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

Chaney Greer
Isabella Hernandez

DR. LEE E. WICKLINE SCHOLARSHIP

Wilmer Perez-Ortiz

Student & Faculty Highlights



Congratulations to the Health and Human Performance Department. Dr. Thornton was named College Professor of the Year and Robert Immell was named College PE Major of the Year by KYSHAPE.



Gavin Bailey, Kire Tribble, Kristin Fischli, Robert Immell, and Tamara Bartleson presented at the 2023 SHAPE Seattle conference. Their session was "Dryland Aquatic Activities for All Ages" and was very well received. Congratulations!



Congratulations to our students who were inducted to Kappa Delta Pi! KDP members exemplify teaching excellence and belong to a national teaching community that upholds the values of integrity, diversity, expertise, equity, and empathy, ensuring quality, equitable education for all

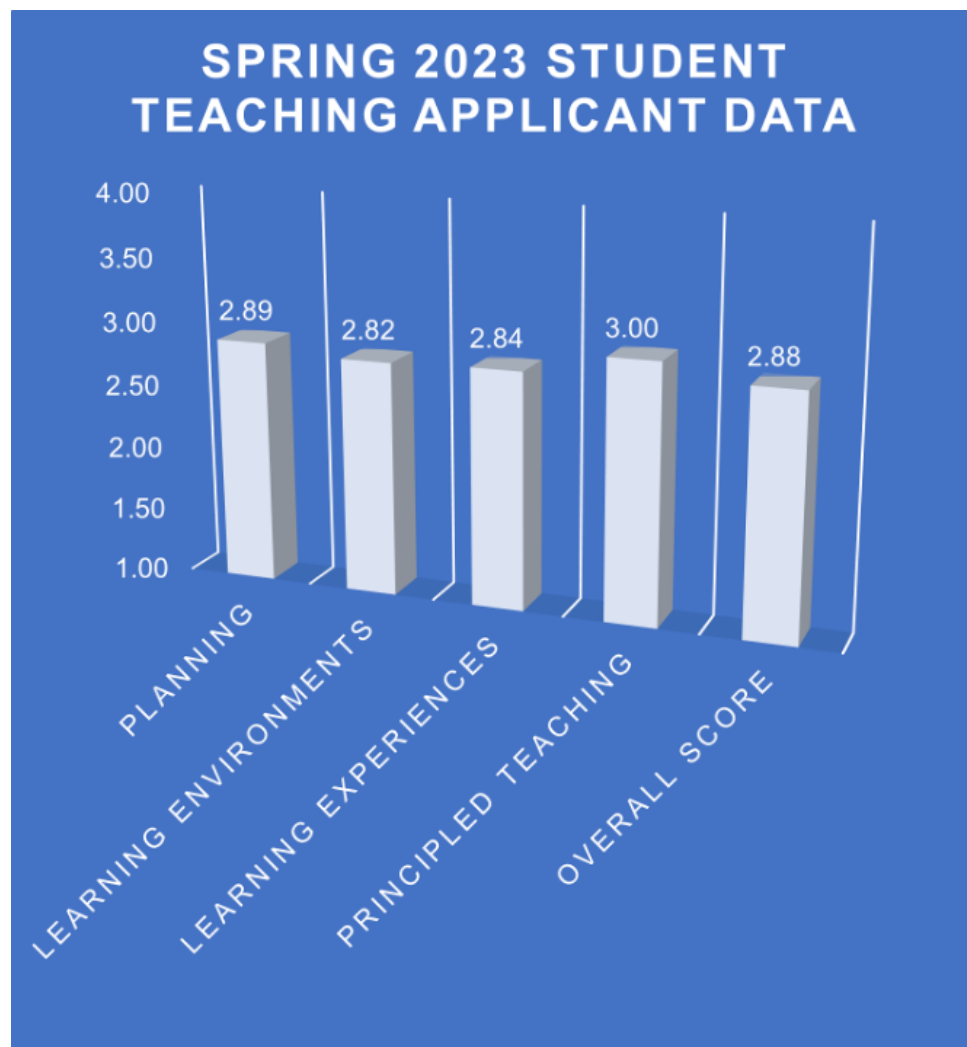
Dr. Nicholas D. Hartlep, Chair of the Education Studies Department was selected as a 2023 Bluegrass Academic Leadership Academy (ALA) Fellow. ALA fellows will receive professional development training and mentoring by institutional leadership from throughout the state to prepare them for career paths in higher education. Campuses nominated participants based on their talents and demonstrated leadership abilities.

ALA is a project of CPE and the Bluegrass Higher Education Consortium, a partnership of 12 colleges and universities in the Central Kentucky region managed by Bluegrass Tomorrow.

Hartlep is one of three (3) ALA Fellows selected from Berea College; the other two ALA Fellows are Xiangting Hong (Chair of Music Department) and Mary Robert Garrett (Chair of Chemistry Department).

Spring 2023 Student Teaching Applicant Data

Ten (10) candidates have successfully met the requirements to student teach during the Fall 2023 semester. We are excited for them as they begin this capstone experience! This will be a time of significant growth for them, and we know they are up to the challenge. They completed a pre-professional field experience this spring. At the end of this experience their Cooperating Teachers completed a summative evaluation, which scored the candidates on four domains—(1) Planning, (2) Learning Environments, (3) Learning Experiences, and (4) Principled Teaching. Possible scores include Below Basic—1, Emergent—2, Proficient—3, Exemplary—4. The rating scale is the same for pre-service and in-service teachers, so we are proud to see that our candidates are performing so close to the Proficient level even before student teaching. We look for great things to come with this cohort!



2023 Senior Trip

Seniors this year chose a fabulous trip to San Francisco. We had a great time staying near the bay, exploring the Pier, visiting Alcatraz and museums, and sampling lots of good food. Best of all we got to spend time together. Despite a little snag on the flight home, when our homebound plane took off without us and we had a little extra time in Chicago, we still had a wonderful trip. I'm sure the sea lions still miss us!

